



Fredrick Warren "Fred" Wicknick

April 19, 1957 - June 14, 2024

Fred Wicknick, always engaging and with a twinkle in his eye, navigated life with a heart larger than his stature. He endeavored to create meaningful connections with everyone he met, and had an uncanny ability to remember the names, faces, and stories of those who crossed his path, even years after introduction.

To many, he was Dr. Wicknick, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon who, along with his capable and caring staff (aka "the ladies"), provided excellent oral surgery care for 35 years. As for his education, Fred graduated from Linfield College majoring in philosophy and biology. He attended dental school at Oregon Health Sciences University and completed his oral maxillofacial surgery residency at the University of Louisville.

On a personal level, Fred was innately curious and a voracious reader, especially historical nonfiction. Approachable and known for his teaching abilities, Fred was able to take difficult content and break it down into understandable concepts, making him an essential resource and our very own "WICKipedia" on practically any topic.

Noted for his "selfless" way of being in the world, Fred perfectly embodied the worn and tattered quote he kept in his wallet, like his father before him, that stated, "service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth."

Fred's lifelong passions included skiing, boating, hunting, eating, reading, listening to music and spending time with family and friends. He had an enthusiasm for scotch and home-made desserts, and his love language was an Old Fashioned after a day of outdoor adventure with Roffe the Wonder Dog.

On June 14, 2024, our beloved skipper, and captain of our family, passed away unexpectedly. Our loss has been soothed by knowing that Fred lived by a friend group motto, "quality time remaining" (QTR) – going at full tilt in recent years since retiring in 2018.

Fred is survived by Anne, his wife of 39 years, son Connor (Alexandra Owen), daughter Alyssa (Cheyne Hayes), mother Agnes and sister Ann Williamson (Jon Schweiss). Fred's presence in our lives has been a humble testament to God's generosity, and we take comfort in knowing he is at peace.

In honor of our beloved son, brother, husband, and father, on Friday, July 19th, there will be a memorial service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Bellingham) at 11:00 a.m., followed by an open house Celebration of Life from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., at the Squalicum Boathouse in Zuanich Park (Bellingham).

Tribute Wall

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“ Fred, you were a wonderful person whose warmth and hospitality we will always remember. We donate eco-trees in your honor, symbols of the roots we all share in Jämtland, Sweden, where our families' unity and kinship began. These trees, like our bonds, stretch their roots deep and steady, reminding us of the many warm and valuable encounters we had, both in Sweden and the USA. Fred, you gave us unforgettable moments together, from the sunny days in Bellingham, the magical boat ride, to adventures up in the mountains. Your and Anne's visit to us in Umeå and Jämtland just a year ago strengthened the bonds that unite us. We will always carry these memories with us. Let the trees whisper a final farewell, a soft whisper carrying love and memories. Despite the distances that separated us, we remained closely connected by our shared Swedish roots. We will never forget you. Rest in peace!

Ann-Britt & Robert

Lisa with family

Jon with family

Anna with family

Anna & Sveneric Markgren

Karin & Curth Sandström

Siw & Håkan Johnzon

Ulla & Rune Jansson

Ann-Britt & Robert - July 22, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Anne, Connor and Alyssa,
It is now several weeks since we were reached by the tragic news of Fred passing away. So unrealistic! We met last summer in Stockholm, spending a lovely evening together with Fred and Anne. Went through all good memories from our daughters exchange year with Wicknick family during 2008/2009.
The first sentence of the obituary is so precise and capture Fred’s personality spot on. The twinkle in his eye we experienced already over phone in the initial call we had prior to Ida moving over for the high school year in Bellingham. Fred stated:
“Ida is very cute which can cause some distraction in school but don’t worry, we will dress her up in a burqa.” We could never have found a better host family for Ida. We will miss you Fred.
Eva & Björn Linderbrandt, Sweden

Björn Linderbrandt - July 17, 2024 at 12:00 AM